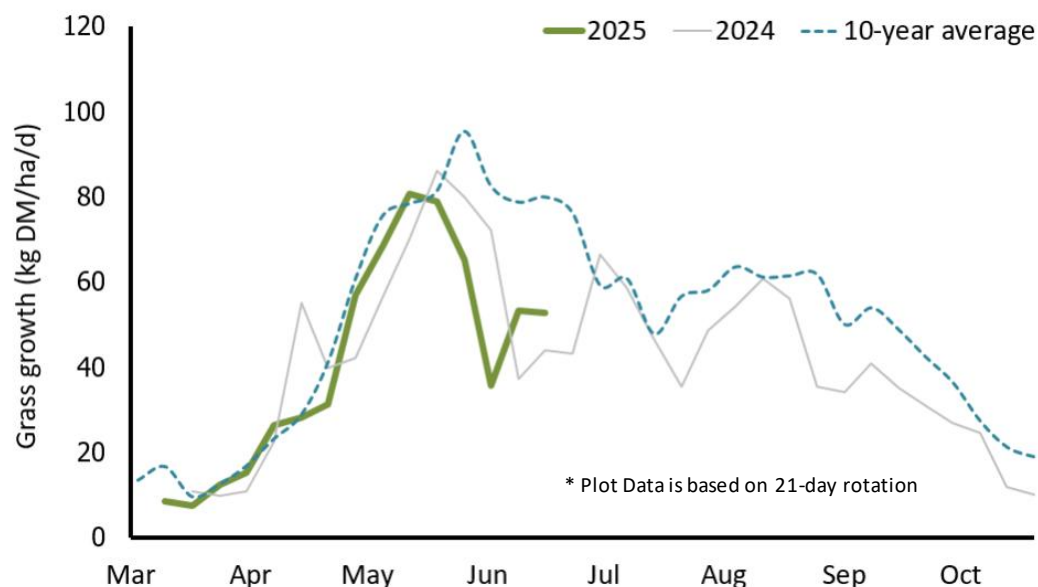


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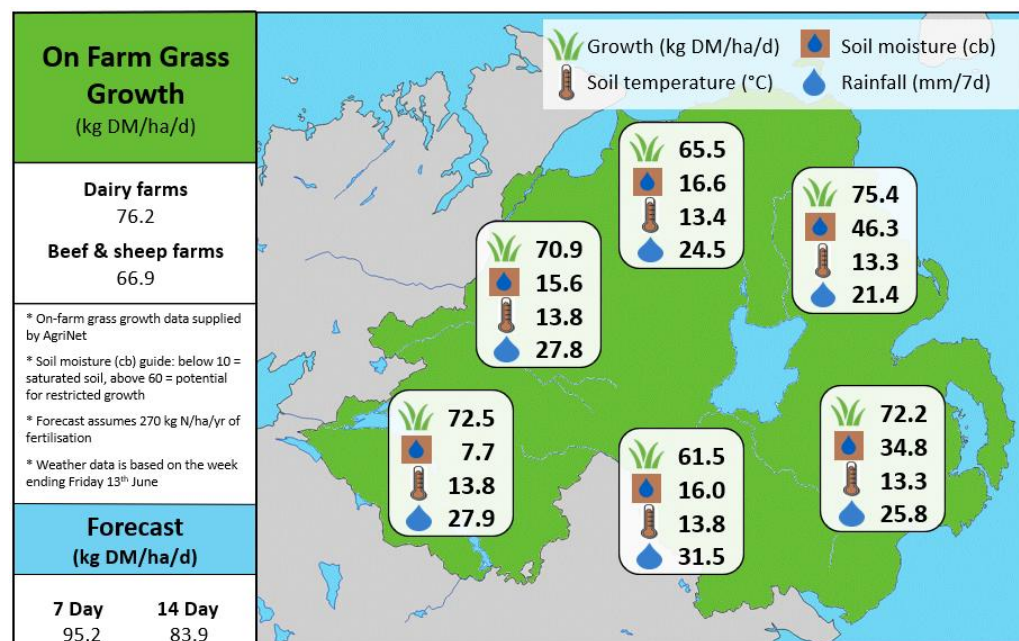
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### MANAGEMENT NOTES:

- Grass growth on farm is close to the LT. av, with grass growth forecast to potentially peak over the coming 7 days, which if so would be 3-4 weeks later than the LT. av.
- Grass growth is currently surpassing demand on many farms. It is key to measure your grass weekly to identify areas to remove and avoid turning livestock into covers which are too high as utilisation, residuals and performance will suffer.
- Grass quality on farm has been difficult to manage over the past few weeks. Use a grass surplus to target the worst quality areas to be removed as bales.
- Assess 2<sup>nd</sup> cuts often as they will change very quickly with current growth rates.
- Assess sward clover content, if above 25% reduce N application to 10-20kg N/ha.

Value of Grass		Grass Quality	
<b>Dairy — maintenance plus (M+)</b> (kg/cow/day)*	19.0	<b>DM (%)</b>	18.7
<b>Growing animals — live weight gain</b> (kg/head/day)**	1.06	<b>ME (MJ/kg DM)</b>	11.7
*M+ calculated assuming: 650kg cow, and 15 kg DMI. Maintenance=75 MJ/day, 5.3 MJ/kg milk		<b>CP (% DM)</b>	15.6
**Beef daily gain assuming: 300 kg beef steer, and 6.6 kg DMI. Maintenance=35 MJ/day, 40 MJ/kg gain		<b>WSC (% DM)</b>	16.5